

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The Planning Commission of the City of San José will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.**, to certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the project identified below has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Furthermore, in the event of an appeal of the Planning Commission's certification of the Final EIR, there will be a public hearing before the City Council of the City of San Jose on **Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.** on an appeal of the final EIR.

These Public Hearings will be held in accordance with Title 21 of the San José Municipal Code, during and before which all persons interested in the matter shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. You are welcome to attend and to speak on this issue. If you choose to challenge the decision on this Environmental Impact Report in court, you may be limited to only those issues you, or someone else, raised and discussed at the Public Hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or prior to the Public Hearing. These public hearings will be held at the dates and times stated above, in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of City Hall, at 801 North First Street, San Jose, California.

The project under consideration is: the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the **San Jose Downtown Strategy 2000**, which provides for the development and redevelopment of Greater Downtown San Jose. *Strategy 2000* provides a long-range conceptual program for revitalizing the traditional Downtown by allowing higher density infill development and replacement of underutilized uses, and expanding the Greater Downtown Core Area and land use intensities to the west and north into areas that are presently undeveloped and underutilized. *Strategy 2000* is an update of the San Jose *Downtown Strategy Plan 2010*, adopted by the San Jose City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board on December 15, 1992. The amount of future development anticipated to occur in the expanded Greater Downtown Core Area during the planning horizon of *Strategy 2000* includes 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 square feet of office space; 8,000 to 10,000 residential dwelling units; 900,000 to 1,200,000 square feet of retail space; and 2,000 to 2,500 guest rooms of hotel space, in four to five hotel projects.

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The Final EIR, including the City's responses to comments received during the public review period (March 25, 2005 to May 9, 2005), will be available for review beginning on Friday, May 27, 2005. The Final EIR will be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, 801 North First Street, Room 400, San José and on the internet at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/eir.htm>. The certification of the Final EIR may be appealed in writing by any person prior to 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, June 9, 2005**. Such appeal shall be filed on the appropriate form and accompanied by filing fees at the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, and shall include a statement specifying the basis of the appeal. It should be noted that the certification of a Final EIR does not constitute approval of the project for which it was prepared. The decision to approve or deny the project will be made separately as required by City Ordinance.

To arrange an accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act to participate in this public meeting, please call (408) 277-4576 (voice) or (408) 998-5299 at least 48 hours before the meeting. Comments and questions regarding the EIR are welcomed and should be referred to **Michael Rhoades** of the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at (408) 277-4576, via e-mail: michael.rhoades@sanjoseca.gov, or fax (408) 277-3250. For your convenience, contact **Olga Guzman** at 277-4576 during the week of the public hearing to verify that this item will be heard and is not scheduled for deferral to a later date.

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Date: May 11, 2005